

PUBLIC SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

March 5, 2025

5:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Members Present	Also in Attendance	Citizens Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dana Davis, Chair• Brad Blanke• Steve Board• Eric Schmid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief David Brower• Andrew Beyer• Nathan Williams• Stacy Winkelman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ian Pilak (virtual)

2. RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments

There were no comments from the public.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Public Safety minutes from February 5, 2025
- [Public Safety Meeting Notes 2-5-25.pdf](#)

MOTION: Approve the Public Safety meeting notes from Feb. 5, 2025 (Board/Blanke/Unanimous approval)

4. BUSINESS

A. Review and take possible action: Proposed structure within Jones Street public right-of-way

- a. [304 Jones St Additional Information 2025.0219.pdf](#) (0.18 MB)
- b. [Narrative ROW Encroachment 304 Jones new format.pdf](#) (1.14 MB)
- c. [304 Jones Street Application for Variance Dan Rahfaldt 01032025.pdf](#) (0.86 MB)
- d. [4 - 86.04.pdf](#) (0.07 MB)
- e. [3 - 457-7 Obstructions and encroachments.pdf](#) (0.04 MB)
- f. [Right of Way Revocable Occupancy Permit.pdf](#) (0.02 MB)

MOTION: Approve the proposed structure within Jones Street public right-of-way subject to the following conditions: 1) Revocable Occupancy Permit, 2) Insurance Requirement and 3) Building Permit & Plan Review. (Board/Schmid/Unanimous approval)

B. Review and take possible action: Traffic signal request at W. Main Street and Dayton Street intersection

- a. [2025.0305 Dayton and Main Traffic Signal Request.pdf](#) (1.14 MB)
- b. [Site Map.pdf](#) (0.90 MB)

DISCUSSION: The committee discussed the history of this intersection and reviewed the prior accidents at this intersection since the redesign in 2022. Engineering reported that a \$10,000 traffic study could result in a recommendation to not install a traffic signal. A traffic signal costs about \$250,000.

MOTION: In lieu of granting the request for a traffic signal at W. Main Street and Dayton Street intersection, request that a design engineer investigate the possibility of improving visibility at the intersection by off-setting the south turn lane stop line. (Schmid/Blanke/Unanimous approval)

- C. Review and take action: Remove Loading Zone No Parking sign from 106 Jefferson Street
- a. [Agenda Item to Upload - March 5.pdf](#) (1.22 MB)

MOTION: Modify the ordinance and remove the Loading Zone No Parking sign from 106 Jefferson Street. (Blanke/Davis/Unanimous approval)

- D. Review and take possible action: Ordinance to Amend Section 410-39 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances
- a. [Deepfake Memo.pdf](#) (1.13 MB)
 - b. [Deepfake Prohibition Redlined 2.5.25.pdf](#) (0.03 MB)

Davis reported that a similar law is currently under consideration at the federal level. The “Take It Down Act” was passed by the Senate last month with bipartisan support and will now need to be passed by the House. Schmid relayed additional details about this act and also stated that many states have passed similar laws. He indicated that he was in favor of a federal law, but was not in favor of a local ordinance. Chief Brower supports the local ordinance and believes it will be a helpful ordinance used by his team.

MOTION: Amend Section 410-39 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances. (Board/Blanke/Motion passes 3 – Blanke, Board, Davis – to 1 – Schmid)

- E. Review and take action: Special Event - Main Street Program Morning Mixer
- a. [Memo re PSW SPECIAL EVENTS.pdf](#) (0.05 MB)
 - b. [2025-02 Application.pdf](#) (1.23 MB)
 - c. [2025-02 Map.pdf](#) (0.45 MB)

MOTION: Approve Special Event-Main Street Program Morning Mixer. (Blanke/Davis/Motion passes with 3 votes – Board abstains)

- F. Review and discuss: Special Event - possible Jig Jog route change
- a. [2025-01 Application.pdf](#) (1.56 MB)
 - b. [2025-01 Map.pdf](#) (0.23 MB)
 - c. [2585200 - WisDOT Watertown -Notification of Construction.pdf](#) (0.43 MB)

NO ACTION TAKEN

5. **ADJOURN**

Being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Schmid and seconded by Blanke to adjourn. Motion was supported unanimously.